

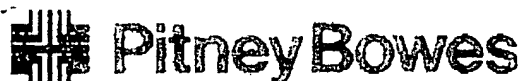
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed November 17, 2004 finally rejecting claims 16 - 36.

Applicant previously filed in this case a Notice of Appeal dated November 3, 2003, and paid at that time the corresponding fee of \$330.00. Applicant also filed an Appeal Brief dated March 3, 2003, along with the fee for the brief and a two-month extension of time. The Examiner in an Office Action mailed May 12, 2004 reopened prosecution.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b), the current fee for filing a Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. Applicant believes that no additional fee is due at this time because a **Notice of Appeal fee was paid when the original Notice of Appeal was filed in November 3, 2003**. However, if it is determined that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the incremental amount of \$170.00 from **Deposit Account No. 16-1885**.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 16-1885**.

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